

GREAT CRATER  
MADE BY MINE

The German Defenses Near Beuvreignes on Somme Front Damaged

FRENCH AIR FORCE  
ATTACKED MILLS

Several Small Attacks by Germans Were Put Down

Paris, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy on the Somme and upon the eastern slope of hill 304 west of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the war office announced today.

Mines sprung by the French near Beuvreignes on the Somme front caused great damage to German defenses. One explosion produced a crater 120 yards long and 40 yards wide.

The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The airplanes were aided in the attacks by two dirigibles.

RUSSIANS BEATEN  
IN NEW ATTACK

Berlin Official Statement Tells of Their Being Thrust Back on Rumanian Front—Patrol Activities on Russian Front.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 28.—The defeat of the Russo-Rumanian forces by the advancing Teutonic army has been completed. It is announced officially that the Russian troops which attempted to regain the lost ground were thrust back and ejected from new positions with heavy losses. In yesterday's fighting the Austro-German forces took 3,000 prisoners.

Patrol activities on the Russian front were reported in the section of the statement dealing with that area.

## HEAVILY SHELLED BY GERMANS.

British Lines North of the Somme and Near Le Sars.

London, Dec. 28.—The British headquarters in France issued the following statement at midnight last night:

"Our positions on the right of our line north of the Somme and near Le Sars, were heavily shelled by the enemy at intervals Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Bombardments of the enemy defenses and trench mortar emplacements were carried out by us with good results south of Arras, in the neighborhood of Hulluch and west of Messines.

"On Tuesday in the course of a number of fights in the air, a hostile machine was destroyed and five others were forced to land in a damaged condition. Three of our machines are missing."

## ENGAGEMENT DENIED.

Asquith's Daughter is Not to Marry Hugh S. Gibson, American.

London, Dec. 28.—Former Premier Asquith issued a statement last night denying that his daughter, Elizabeth, is engaged to be married.

Several London newspapers Tuesday morning reported the engagement of Miss Asquith to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London.

## ALLIES LOST EIGHT AIRPLANES.

During Wednesday's Fighting on Western Front.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 28.—Eight airplanes were lost by the entente allies in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office announced.

## CARRANZA'S REPLY

WAS CARRIED TO WASHINGTON

Luis Cabrera Would Not Divulge Its Purport, But It Is Thought to Be Suggestion for Modification.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here today from New York, bearing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City.

The character of the reply has not been revealed, but it is generally believed it was another suggestion for modification and contained insistence that American troops in Mexico be withdrawn immediately.

## DECLARED SOLVENT.

Case of Martin H. Gibson of Ryegate Was Pending a Year.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 28.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against Martin H. Gibson of Ryegate, was dismissed by Federal Judge Edwin M. Thomas of Connecticut, in a hearing held Tuesday evening at the office of Judge Harland B. Howe. The case had been pending in court for over a year. The creditors alleged that Mr. Gibson had conveyed property to defraud them.

Judge Howe was prevented from sitting on the case as he was one of the creditors, and it was heard by Judge Thomas of the United States district court for Connecticut. The case was dismissed by him, on the ground, that Mr. Gibson was not insolvent. Harry Winters of Porter, Winters and Harvey appeared for the alleged bankrupt, and George L. Hunt of Montpelier for the petitioning creditors. Charles Hosford and Fred Wright of Woodville appeared for the intervening creditors.

SAYS SMALL WAS  
ABUSIVE TO WIFE

County Solicitor Hill Says He Has Evidence That the Accused Man Even Made a Threat to Kill Her.

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 28.—The case upon which he based the state's charge that Frederick L. Small strangled and shot his wife, Florence A. Small, afterwards arranging a fire which almost destroyed the evidence of the crime, was outlined today to the jury by County Solicitor Walter D. Hill.

His summary of the prosecution's material indicated that testimony not previously made public would be brought out. Threats by Small to kill his wife and abusive treatment of her would be related, he said. An insurance policy of \$20,000, obtained by Small as a joint instrument covering the lives of both and payable to the survivor, was emphasized as a link in the circumstantial chain. Wires, spark plug and alarm clock parts found in the basement of the cottage would be the subject of testimony of witnesses regarding possible use in connection with starting the fire, the solicitor stated. He told the jurors also of an inventory of the contents of the cottage drawn up carefully in minute detail and found in a small satchel after the fire.

The jury yesterday afternoon made the journey of five miles from the courthouse to the cottage at Mountain View in a large pung drawn by four horses while Small and his guards were conveyed in a smaller sleigh. Automobiles carried the rest of the party, the judge, counsel, the official stenographer and the newspaper correspondents.

County Solicitor Walter D. Hill indicated where the doors of the house had been, the position of a revolver relative to the spot where the body was found, the site of Small's workshop in the rear of the house and the location of neighboring cottages.

Sydney F. Stevens, for the defense, directed the jury's attention to a hatchway door, over a flight of steps leading from the outside of the house to the cellar and to a cleat on the inner side which served as a fastening for the door. Mr. Stevens pointed out that under this cleat, when it was in a position that would leave the door unfastened, the paint was scarcely damaged, while the rest of the door had been scorched and partly burned away.

It is understood that the defense will contend that this evidence supports its theory that in Small's absence a tramp entered the house, killed Mrs. Small, set the fire and left by the hatchway door, leaving it unfastened. The state asserts that Small after shooting his wife, beating and strangling her, went away, leaving some device that would start the fire hours after he had departed.

Returning from the scene of the murder the jury's attention was called to the lonely road through the woods about a mile in length, from the lake to the main highway. The jurors were then driven to the village of Mountain View, where they boarded a train for Ossipee. They covered the same route that Small took on Sept. 28, when he left his home and started for Boston.

Mrs. Small's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, of Dorchester, and Miss Norma Curry, sister of the murdered woman, arrived in town last night, ready to go on the stand for the state. With them at dinner at the hotel were Ex-Police Inspector "Andy" Houghton of the Bank squad, who is with them as escort; also Alexander W. Clark, policy registrar of the life insurance company in which the mutual \$20,000 policy taken out by Mr. Small, was written by E. C. Conner. This policy is expected to figure largely in the state's case as offering a sufficient motive for the crime. Also there was fire insurance on the cottage, in excess of the actual value of the place.

The responses made yesterday by talesmen would have been exceedingly pleasing to advocates of the abolishment of capital punishment.

## BANKING SUPREMACY.

Has Been Established in United States, Says Comptroller.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Resources of national banks of the United States, Comptroller Williams announced last night, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the last two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the combined total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National bank, and the Imperial Bank of Japan.

In statement based on returns from the last bank call, November 17, the comptroller directs attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent a year during the last two years as compared with six per cent a year for the ten-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present more than double what they were ten years ago.

"The compilation just completed of returns for the last bank call," the comptroller's statement reads, "discloses a condition of strength, progress and growth beyond all precedent. Resources of national banks on the date of the last call are greater than the total resources of all reporting state banks, savings banks, private banks and loan and trust companies throughout the United States at the time of the inauguration of the federal reserve system about two years ago.

"It is also noteworthy that the resources of our national banks at this time exceed by \$321,000,000 the total resources of all the reporting banking institutions in the United States, including state banks, savings banks and loan and trust companies and national banks as well as late as the year 1904."

The greatest percentage of increase, the comptroller states, during the two-year period in which the federal reserve system has been in operation, was in the western states. Geographically, the increase was as follows: New England, 22 per cent; eastern states, 39 per cent; southern states, 32 per cent; middle western states, 31 per cent; western states, 50 per cent; Pacific states, 33 per cent.

"In this period, the statement says, 'The New England and eastern states increased a total of \$2,005,000,000, while the south and west, including the far west, increased \$2,022,000,000.'"

AUSTRIA GLAD  
TO HAVE PEACE

Official Reply to Switzerland Tells of Sympathetic Attitude

TOWARD THE NOTE  
THAT WILSON SENT

Switzerland Commended for Noble and Humane Disposition

Berlin, via London, Dec. 28.—A Vienna dispatch says the Austro-Hungarian government today answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of the note sent to Wilson. The message assured the Helvetic government that the noble-minded suggestion of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic reception from Austria-Hungary.

The note added that the Austro-Hungarian government regarded the Swiss action in supporting Wilson as evidence of a noble and humane disposition which Switzerland since the beginning of the war has manifested toward all the belligerents.

Germany Also Replies to Switzerland. Berlin, Dec. 28.—The German reply was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is on the same lines as the reply to President Wilson.

OFFICIAL REPLY  
FROM GERMANY  
IS RECEIVED

So Far as Known It Was Not Accompanied By Any Other Communication and Is the Same as Received From Berlin.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note was received early today. As far as known, it was not accompanied by any other communication and it is said to be substantially the same as the unofficial text received Tuesday from Berlin.

In spite of the wide gulf between the insistence of the central powers for the immediate peace conference and the forecast of a unanimous refusal by the entente allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting good. It was said with authority that, until the door of peace actually is closed by one side or the other, President Wilson will continue to hope that any discussion will tend to hasten the end of the war.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returning unexpectedly last night from New York, authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement:

"I regard the note of my government as constituting an acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe."

It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held, and officials expressed themselves as being greatly surprised at the view pending in some quarters here that the Berlin government had failed to meet the president's suggestions by not setting down in the reply the terms upon which it was willing to make peace.

The German diplomats say that President Wilson had no intention of drawing a public declaration concerning terms from the central powers. On the contrary they think the president's suggestion "that an early occasion be sought to call out from all nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded," has been fully met by Germany in seeking an immediate conference with her enemies.

## The German Policy.

The German policy upon which the reply to President Wilson's communication is based, was outlined as follows: Germany feels that the conference suggested by it first should be composed of delegates from the belligerent countries, whose duty it would be to settle territorial terms. Once these terms are agreed upon, representatives of the neutrals should be called in to participate in consideration of the questions of guarantees for the future, in which neutrals are as vitally concerned as belligerents.

The German view, necessarily would have to do with the freedom of the seas, limited disarmament, and the formation of a world league of nations to enforce peace, and the establishment of an international court of arbitration. Germany is said to consider that neutral nations can have no interest of their own in terms such as those relating to territory.

PRESIDENT WILSON  
60 YEARS OLD TODAY

He Received Many Messages of Congratulation From Various Parts of the Country.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 60 years old today. He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all parts of the country, and abroad. No special celebration was planned.

## 335 INVITATIONS

Sent to Attorneys to the Annual Bar Meeting.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—J. H. Mims, secretary of the Vermont bar association, has sent 335 attorneys their invitations to the annual bar meeting next Tuesday at Montpelier. The feature will be the farewell address of Judge Loveland Munson.

ST. ALBANS MAN  
HEAD OF POULTRY  
BREEDERS' ASSN.

A. B. Wheeler Elected President at the Annual Meeting Which Was Held in Barre Yesterday Afternoon.

If you awake at dawn to-morrow listen carefully for the dying echoes of the call of chancier. If you will listen you will hear the swan song of the poultry show and not until 1917 will Church street hear or any other thoroughfare in Barre know the grand chorus of the rooster and his dawn-greeting kin. The eleventh annual show of the Vermont Poultry association closes to-night, after the most successful three-days' exhibit in its history. There remains an opportunity to inspect the fine showing of blooded birds at the Church street gymnasium, as the floor superintendent and his assistants will be there to escort all visitors up and down the aisles and aisles of feathered champions.

Late in the afternoon of the second day, the Vermont Poultry breeders' association met at the gymnasium for its annual business session. The following officers were elected: President, A. B. Wheeler of St. Albans; vice-president, C. A. Bevoir of St. Albans; secretary, W. G. Freeman of Bellows Falls; treasurer, E. H. Hemenway of Manchester; executive board for two years, C. L. Curtis of St. Albans, N. L. Divoll of Bellows Falls and R. H. Peck of Rutland; executive board for one year, F. P. Gray of Townsend, P. C. St. Croix of Bellows Falls and W. Barclay Scott of Barre. When Secretary Freeman tendered his resignation it was accepted and a vote of thanks was his reward for his efficiency as a servant of the association in the past.

The Vermont association is the official branch of the American Poultry association and a good deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings. Four new members were admitted. It was voted to divert \$15 to the Vermont Poultry association to be used for prizes and a similar sum was voted the next official show, wherever it may be held.

From the floor two amendments to the constitution were offered. One would empower the president of the breeders' association to appoint state organizers, each to receive instructions to turn his commissions over to the association in the district to which he is assigned. The second proposed amendment contemplates changing the date of the election ballot from Feb. 1 to Aug. 1. Neither proposed amendment was accepted, as each has to lie on the table for a year. Just before adjournment, W. Barclay Scott of Barre was elected election commissioner.

Officers of the poultry association were busy today in assigning some of the ribbons awarded by the judges yesterday afternoon. It was a matter of considerable remark among poultry men who have frequented the show hall since the opening that two of the finest exhibits were made by women. Mrs. Donald Smith of Barre had a splendid showing of Buff Orpingtons and the ribbons they won entitle her to foremost rank among the exhibitors. Another woman exhibitor was Mrs. E. A. Carey with an attractive grouping of bronze turkeys, on which class she captured all of the prizes.

This forenoon it was announced that Judge George P. Coffin will give a lecture in the court room at city hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Many of the visiting breeders expressed a desire to hear the Freeport, Me., poultry expert, and the free lecture is expected to attract many who are only amateurs in the science of poultry breeding. Judge Coffin will have something of interest to tell. Ladies are especially invited to attend. Throughout the evening, the Church street gym will remain open and visitors will find that none of the birds have been removed from the hall.

Remaining awards announced today were as follows: Silver-Penciled Plymouth Rocks—1st, 2d and 3d cockerels and 1st, 2d and 3d pullets, J. H. Sprague of Barre.

Pit Games—1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th cocks and best pen to Joseph Parker; 1st hen, S. N. Parker.

Black Orpingtons—1st cock, Karl Forster of Montpelier; 2d cock, C. R. Winchester of Royalton; 1st hen, C. B. Winchester; 1st, 2d and 3d cockerel, 1st, 2d and 3d pullet, C. B. Winchester; shape and color, male, Karl Forster; shape and color, female, C. B. Winchester; silver cup for the best display, C. B. Winchester.

St. C. Buff Leghorns—1st cockerel, H. Stackpole, Montpelier; 2d cockerel, A. C. Gilman, Montpelier; 1st hen, A. C. Gilman; 2d hen, H. Stackpole; 3d hen, A. C. Gilman; shape and color on male, H. Stackpole; shape and color on female, A. C. Gilman.

R. C. Black Minorcas—H. W. Scott of Barre won everything in his class.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—1st cockerel and 1st pullet, Charles Balentine of East Calais.

## YEAR AT HARD LABOR

FOR ATTACKING GIRL

W. H. Willett of Burlington Sentenced in City Court There By Judge Harvey of Montpelier City Court.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—W. H. Willett was sentenced to a year at hard labor in the house of correction by Judge E. M. Harvey of Montpelier, sitting in city court here today. Willett pleaded guilty of an attempted assault on a girl who is a stenographer to the city clerk. Willett has a wife and four children.

## CHECKER TOURNAMENT ON.

Following Business Meeting of State Club in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the Vermont checker club association was held in this city yesterday afternoon, and the annual tournament of the association opened after the meeting. The business session was held at 1:30 o'clock, and the following officers were elected: President, W. D. Ingalls of Richford; vice-president, L. J. Epelston of Rutland; secretary and treasurer, W. C. Hoag of Burlington; governing board, W. D. Ingalls, William Gill and J. M. Taggart; director of games, William Gill. Following the meeting, the annual tournament opened.

Swedish Steamer Is Missing. London, Dec. 28.—Lloyd's announces that the Swedish steamer Friga is believed to have been sunk.

SINKING WAS  
LEGITIMATE

Is Claim of Germany in Connection with Delto Case

SHIP CHARTERED  
FOR A TRANSPORT

Crew Given Half an Hour to Leave, Weather Was Clear, Shore Was Not Far Off

Berlin, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—The reply to the German government to the American inquiry regarding the destruction of the Norwegian steamship Delto with Americans in the crew delivered by the German government, was that the steamer was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence the destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American embassy, says that as far as possible the safety of the crew was provided for, the men being given half an hour in which to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

SEARCH FOR MARY.  
LAND ABANDONED

Hope for the Thirty or More Men, Who Were on Board, is Based on the Possibility of Their Having Taken to Small Boats.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steam ship Maryland was regarded as probably lost today. The search for the vessel by the coast guard cutters Aushnet and Gresham, begun after the Maryland called for assistance by wireless Christmas night, was abandoned today without any trace having been found of the vessel or her crew. Hope for the safety of the vessel's thirty odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up by a passing steamer. After the Maryland sent out her first call for assistance, the wireless operator reported the engine room as flooding, when the wireless suddenly failed.

SMALL EPIDEMIC IN VERMONT.  
Scarlet Fever Has Broken Out in Two Far Separated Sections.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—There is a small epidemic of scarlet fever in Vermont, cases being most prevalent in the extreme northern and southern parts of the state. The cases have, as a rule, been light ones, although there have been three fatalities and a number of severe cases, which shows that the epidemic may be considered serious. Dr. C. F. Dalton, secretary of the state board of health, and Dr. H. A. Ladd of the state laboratory have visited Montgomery and Groton, where a large number of cases have appeared.

A part of the schools in the state closed earlier than was intended on account of the fever and in Montgomery and Johnson Christmas exercises were postponed, a strict quarantine being kept. There are undoubtedly many cases of the fever which are so light that a physician is not called and the health officer is not notified. But those who have been subject to these very light cases can carry the germs to others who may have the disease in a severe form. Light cases are also apt to leave the patient with chronic troubles of the kidneys, heart, ears and eyes.

Other than scarlet fever there is not a great amount of contagious disease in the state. Measles and whooping cough are found, as is usual at this time of the year, but diphtheria has been pretty well stamped out. Two threatened epidemics of diphtheria have been checked by taking wholesale cultures of school children. Where these cultures have been taken in large numbers it has been found that about 2 per cent show the presence of active germs.

## SUBMITTED TO CAPTURE.

Villa Made No Resistance When Taken in Barre To-day.

Somewhere north of Chisholm, the Barre police captured Villa this afternoon. The efforts of Pershing's column, Scott and Funston to the contrary notwithstanding, he submitted tamely to arrest and of his own accord walked all the way to Magistrate H. W. Scott's court at city hall. Pancho Villa is still at large, but Charlie of the same surname acknowledged a breach of the peace of offense and paid a \$5 fine and costs.

Villa's trouble started, not in Mexico, but in Granite street last night. Rosa Brusa was the complaining witness and a badly discolored eye was exhibited by the complainant in vouching her story to Grand Juror William Wihart. The latter told the court this afternoon of his investigation and alleged that the quarry took place in a house owned by the respondent. Villa asked permission to give his own coloring to the fracas story and pictured the woman as a person who combined with inebriety the evil of cigarette smoking. In extenuation, the respondent also gave other reasons for justifying his course in the quarry. Judge Scott took judicial notice of the evidence offered in this manner by the prosecutor and the respondent and after Villa had paid his fine he was discharged from custody. All is quiet now along the Rio Grande.

## OFFICERS' SCHOOL HELD.

About 40 Expected to Participate at St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—The annual school for the officers of the 1st infantry, V. N. G., opened in this city last night and will continue until this evening. The officers are making their headquarters at the Tavern and the sessions are being held at 40 commissioned officers of the state will be present.

## PLAYLET WAS PLEASING.

Furnished Part of the Program at Episcopal Christmas Exercises.

The annual Christmas exercises and tree were held in the parlors of the Church of the Good Shepherd last evening by the children of the church and Sunday school, and to help celebrate the occasion parents and friends of the children filled the parlors of the church to listen to the entertainment. Everything was in keeping with a merry Yuletide. A large tree at one side of the room, decorated with colors of red and green and with Santa Claus of red and white. The parlors also were decorated in red and green, with Christmas bells suspended from the ceiling. Beside the tree, there were two tables loaded with presents and candy, the candy being put into cone-shaped Christmas boxes and each of the children was presented a cone.

The feature of the evening, however, was the playlet in two acts by the children, it taking the form of a Christmas comedy and being filled with wit which kept the audience in an uproar throughout the evening's entertainment. The play was staged in the ante-room of the parlor, the room being the flat commonly known as Finnegan's flat and was occupied by Pat Finnegan and Biddy Finnegan, his wife. It was rather of a dingy-looking place, with the windows in the rear covered with snow and all signs of prosperity entirely lacking in the surroundings, and poverty staring the Finnegan in the face at every nook and corner.

Frank Wells took the part of Pat and did remarkably well, while Lucy Wells played the part of Biddy Finnegan. John Hall, as Prof. Baton, a German violinist, had remarkable control of his German dialect, and Miss Neversmile, by Isabel Beattie, was also well taken. Those who took less important parts did equally well. The program also consisted of several songs and recitations, woven in with the comedy in a way that proved very novel.

After the program was completed, the presents were distributed, Frank G. Howland calling the names, and the older boys acted as dispensers of the gifts. At the close of the evening's festivities, Miss Maud Colburn, who had the entire care of the program, was presented a berry set by Rev. William J. M. Beattie in behalf of the members of the Sunday school, to which she very pleasantly responded. The program is as follows: "Song of the Bells," boys; recitation, "A Prayer for Christmas," Ethel Castle; song, "Little Christmas Pictures," primary department; song, "Now Don't You Tell," Mildred Paton; song, "A Candle in the Window," junior class of girls; song, "Beautiful Bells of Joy," intermediate class of girls; song, "Stars of December," junior class of girls.

GLENUGIANS CELEBRATE.  
With Feasting, Toasting, Singing and Dancing Last Evening.

Feasting, toasting, song and dancing brought to its close another successful year in the annuals of the Glenugie club last evening when some forty sons of Buchan, with their wives and other invited guests came together in Clan Gordon hall for their yearly jollification. Covers were laid for eighty people and there were few absentees when the big dinner of chicken was gotten under way at 9 o'clock. The hall was attractively decorated with colored festoons that somehow seemed to center in front of an arch which fronted the orchestra left. An illuminated disc over the arch let it be known that the Glenugie and the Glenugians only were holding forth.

Charles A. Keith presided happily as toastmaster and among the representatives were the following: "Scotland," Representative James K. Pirie of Williamstown; "The Ladies," Harry Davidson; "Buchan," John Brown; "America," Alexander Reid. Some of the old songs that are a part of the heritage which sons of that country where rolls the classic Ugie brought with them to America were touchingly reperced by Miss Barbara McDonald, Miss Agnes Keith, Miss Elizabeth Stephen, George McLeod and George Sievright. None of the soloists was allowed to retire without an encore and the demand for an extension of remarks was as pronounced whenever anyone arose to respond to a toast. A distinctly enjoyable feature was the reading of a letter from George Booth, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., who in other days was one of the moving spirits of the Glenugie club. Mr. Booth toasted Buchan, the land of his birth, and graciously offered a tribute to the women of Glenugie. The toastmaster read the letter and its contents were loudly acclaimed.

After the exercises, the hall was cleared of tables and chairs and until the wee, wee, hours were arriving, the Buchan folk danced the old reels and the familiar schottische. Mrs. John Forbes had catered for the banquet and an efficient corps of assistants saw to it that there was an abundance of refreshments for those who danced.

There is little doubt that the Buchaners were never any more pleased with their annual get-together than last evening. It was the 18th banquet of its kind and until another year comes along to put in a claim, those who have attended the yearly reunions since the club was organized will be ready to depose that the 1916 affair set the pace. The committee included the following Glenugians: Harry Davidson, Robert Adams, Samuel Henderson, James Mortimer, William Still, Alex. Reid, Charles A. Keith, Alexander Cowie and James Clubb.

## SLIGHT SKULL FRACTURE.

William McLaughlin, Quarryman, Is Patient at Hospital.

William McLaughlin, a quarry worker living in Graniteville, was brought to the City hospital this forenoon to receive treatment for a slight skull fracture which he suffered in an accident at the Boutwell, Milne & Varnum quarries today. With other quarrymen, McLaughlin was tipping over a stone in the quarry yard. A loose hitch was used in securing the stone with a chain and when one of the loose ends slipped from the side of his head, Dr. E. H. Bailey was called and it was decided to remove the man to the hospital. Although the injury is a painful one, the physician is not apprehensive of serious results and it is thought that the patient will make a speedy recovery.

## SEVERELY BURNED.

Frank Wheelock Injured at Scale Works in St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 28.—Frank Wheelock, a moulder employed by the Fairbanks Scale Co., suffered serious burns on one of his feet yesterday when he spilled molten iron into one of his shoes. He was taken to the Brightlook hospital.

BODY CARRIED  
HOME IN SLEIGH

Walter A. Johnson Was Instantly Killed Chopping Trees

SKULL FRACTURED  
AS AN OAK FELL

His Companion, a Winters, Took the Remains Out of the Woods

Brattleboro, Dec. 28.—Walter A. Johnson, aged 41, of Westminster was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon in the woods in his hill pasture. He and John Winters had been cutting wood. Just before quitting time they dislodged an oak tree which had caught on other trees twenty feet from the ground. It fell, striking Mr. Johnson on the head and fracturing the skull. Mr. Winters took him home in a sleigh.

## DIED AT GRANITEVILLE.

Anthony Donahue Was Well Known Resident There.

Anthony Donahue, one of the oldest residents of Graniteville and for several years a prominent merchant in Barre Town, died at his home last evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Donahue observed his 82nd birthday Sept. 21. He was a native of St. Sylvester East, P. Q., and came to Graniteville a quarter-century ago. For a time he was engaged in the mercantile business and afterward he conducted a grain store, retiring from business activities some years ago.

Fifty-six years ago he was married in St. Sylvester East to Miss Ellen Sheridan, who survives him. In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Donahue celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. Bridget Doherty of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Julia McCullough of Detroit, Mich. Also surviving are a nephew, James F. Donahue, and a niece, Miss Mary E. Gallagher, both of Graniteville.

The funeral services will be held in St. Sylvester's church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Turcot, officiating. Interment will be made in St. Sylvester's cemetery near South Barre.

## LEAVES NO RELATIVES.

Mrs. Rosa Prario Died at City Hospital Wednesday Evening.

Mrs. Rosa Prario, wife of the late A. Prario, died at the city hospital Wednesday evening around 7 o'clock, the end following an illness of nearly two months. Seven weeks ago, Mrs. Prario sustained a paralytic shock and a